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COLUMBIA is stripping for the fray.

The dogs of war are being unmuzzled in this country; poor old Spain had best beware.

UNCLE SAM is rather slow in the start, but lightning after he gets started, as Spain will find out to her sorrow.

QUEEN LAVINIA'S Holland Dames are opposed to a war with Spain. Of course one queen naturally befriends another.

The efficiency of Spain's bunco craps game is at an end. The civilized world has been buncoed enough by that effete monarchy.

The people of the United States are carefully watching the Spanish navy; it may be theirs before many months. Indeed it looks as if it would be.

WITHIN the next ten days, so say the authorities in the navy department, 11 more vessels will be ready for active service as cruisers and torpedo boats. Uncle Sam's navy is getting strong.

The rains during the past week in northern and eastern New Mexico are proving of vast benefit to the great agricultural and stock interests of these sections. They came in the very nick of time.

The legislature of Massachusetts on yesterday, in half an hour, passed a bill providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the defense of the state. One by one they are falling in line. The United States are all right, or is all right, we do not care which.

ONE by one and occasionally two by two the Democratic territorial official heads are dropping. It now looks as if the governor would make a clean sweep.

No kick coming at this state of affairs as it is proving for the best interests of the territory.

SPEAKER REED should not mind Mr. Bailey, of Texas. The latter gentleman talks to the galleries and certainly the people who frequent those are not the country. The bone and sinew of the land is too busy to loaf around the galleries at the national capitol.

THE Albuquerque Democrat is still trying the fountain murder in its columns, using as weapons, falsehoods, misrepresentation and foul insinuations. That paper can have the field. The New Mexican would not, if it could, and could not, if it would, compete in that direction with the Democrat.

THE Cuban revolutionists have declined the Spanish offer of an armistice without thanks. Why should they not. They have nothing to gain and everything to lose by an armistice. Spain wants the latter and the Cubans are acting upon the principle that in war it is the safe thing not to do what an enemy wishes. The Cubans are level headed and that quite so, especially in this instance.

PLANS have been perfected at the War department for mobilization of 100,000 troops for active service in Cuba. It is believed that the president's first call will be made for 50,000 men. The country will furnish this number in a hurry and will anxiously await for the time to furnish more. This may be a nation of shopkeepers, but it will prove to the world that they are fighting shopkeepers, as they have proved several times during the past 120 years.

THE several boards of county commissioners should honestly carry out the provisions of chapter No. 42, session laws of 1897, known as the Bateman act. The provisions of the law are in the right direction and, if diligently and intelligently carried out, will prove of great benefit to the financial status of the counties in the territory. The courts should make a special effort to compel boards of county commissioners and county officials to abide by the requirements of the law. Grand juries should be instructed to make special investigations into the subject and indictments should be found against offending county officials. The law is here to be executed and that in good faith.

A Strict Enforcement of the Tax Laws Demanded. The action of the board of county commissioners of this county in refusing to interfere with the collector in carrying out his duty as prescribed by law, in the matter of advertising and sale of property for delinquent taxes, cannot be too highly commended. If the law under which the collector is acting, in any respect is defective, the way to find it out is to act under it and have the court so decide, point out the defect,

and have it remedied by the next legislature. While there has been a great clamor in certain quarters that our tax law is defective, and that property could not be sold under it, there has never a tax case been fairly presented to the District court or the Supreme court of the territory, in which the matter could be tested. The necessity for taxation of the holders of property upon their possessions, in one form or another, for the purpose of enabling the government, local, state and national, to carry on its business and protect the rights of persons and property through its courts, has been recognized in all countries from the Mosaic law found in the old testament down to the present time; and it is the duty of every property holder to pay these taxes. If he does not do so voluntarily, the law has provided methods by which he is compelled to do so. Tax dodgers and shirkers, who are willing to go to the extent of perjury to save themselves from contributing their quota to the public good, are found in every community and are justly condemned and despised by the good citizens who recognize their duty and performance. Where there is an actual inability from poverty to pay these demands there is always sympathy and excuse. Our own tax law is taken from that of the state of Iowa, was adopted by us in 1892 and has remained practically unchanged since that time. The first section provides, that:

"All property in this territory not exempt by law shall be subject to taxation."

Section 2822, Compiled Laws, requires the assessor to ascertain the names of all taxable inhabitants and of all property in his county subject to taxation.

Section 2920 provides that all lands in this territory, owned or claimed by any person, except land owned by the United States or this territory, shall be assessed at a valuation. The term property is a broad one, and means anything that is subject to ownership. Of course, the levy and collection of taxes, being a statutory proceeding, all of the provisions of the statute must be strictly complied with, from the assessment down to the last step of advertising the property for sale. If they are not so complied with, the tax cannot be enforced. All of the almost numberless cases in the United States, decided by the courts have turned upon some alleged error or irregularity in the assessment or levy of the tax and particularly in the assessment; therefore the assessor must follow the law exactly, or if the alleged owner is not assessed in his true name or the property not properly described, or in short, if any of the requirements of the law are not met, it voids the entire act. Assessors and taxing officers have been very lax and careless in this respect in the past and now is the time of the year to correct all these mistakes of the past and make assessments and levies which we are certain will stand the test of the law. The action of the county board in extending the time for sale by the collector and agreeing to remit the penalty if taxes are paid at once, is certainly all the indulgence that any defaulting tax payer could have; and much more than he had a right to expect. It is to be hoped that some of the gentlemen who have been so loud in the denunciation of the law and the impossibility of its enforcement, will show their faith by their works and bring a suit to test their position. The territory and county are anxious for this and the sooner such suits are brought and determined the better it will be for all concerned.

Rather an Explosive Story.

The story sent out from Chicago on yesterday concerning the arrest of a man who planted the mines and torpedoes in the harbor at Havana reads a "little bit breezy." And still, there is nothing improbable about it. The man arrested is guilty of no crime, although he has been in hiding ever since finishing the work a year ago. As an expert in submarine explosives he did certain work for the representative of the Spanish government. Up to that point the narrative is all right, holds water and is entitled to consideration and credit, but it's that part which relates to the payment of Spanish gold that gives the whole thing the ring of fabrication. "When my work was finished he (Weyler) handed me a passport to Key West and assured me I would not receive my pay until the first mine or torpedo was used. I remained in Havana until February 10, when I went to Key West, where I remained until March 1, on which day I received my last Spanish gold from Havana." Now, there are a number of things in that statement which strike the average mind as the least bit peculiar. In the first place experts in explosives are not compelled to take jobs where the pay is so uncertain, their services are in demand and salaries are ready at the end of each week; next, General Blanco was in command at the time the explosion occurred, and Weyler was in Spain; lastly, had the work of planting the mines and torpedoes been completed a year ago, the man who did the work never would have received his pay; promises of the kind mentioned in the story are easily broken.

There is no question but the Spanish blew up the Maine, and did it knowing they were violating every law governing the relations of nations, but the circumstances surrounding the transaction as related by the man said to be under arrest, lends color to the suspicion that the young man who wrote the article for the Chicago paper in which it appeared is possessed of a very vivid imagination and will be heard from in the realistic novel line before many years pass.

The Same Old Thing.

The Democratic territorial committee has formulated and issued a circular to the voters of New Mexico. There are new features in the appeal. Just simply asking for the votes of the voters next election.—Raton Range.

May Success Crown the Efforts.

The movement to assist worthy poor families in large cities, by sending them into the west, furnishing them with homes, giving them an opportunity to earn an honorable living and in the end a home and a competency, has taken definite shape and the first colony sent to Colorado. This new community consists of 25 families and will try the experiment in Prowers county.

This project has been worked out by the Salvation army, and its practical application will be watched with considerable interest by many of the wealthy men of the country. Upon its success or failure depends, to a large degree, the bent charitable efforts will take in the future. "Easy come, easy go," is an adage which holds good in philanthropic work as well as in business affairs and the men who are able and willing to assist the unfortunate have long since learned that charity, or assistance, which is bestowed, where nothing is exacted in return, more often works harm than good. For that reason there is not that willingness on the part of the wealthy class to extend assistance there would be, if the expenditure of the money given could be watched with any certainty.

Should the Salvation army plan of giving practical and helpful assistance prove a success, there will be a general move in the cities toward furnishing those who are industrious and trustworthy with little homes in the semi-arid regions of the west, and the congested laboring ranks in the east will be so relieved that an entirely new condition of affairs will obtain in the near future. It has been quite the fashion in recent years for a certain class of men, agitators and the like, to curse the wealthy and describe them as a heartless lot, but the fact is the people who have money in large quantities are, as a class, anxious and willing to aid their less fortunate fellowmen; and drawback has been to find some manner in which it could be done, where actual and lasting benefit could be derived from the expenditure. It is to be hoped that the Salvation army has solved the problem that has puzzled the philanthropists for ages past. It is not to be expected that the millionum has arrived or that it is near at hand, but it will certainly prove gratifying to the men who have furnished the money to make a trial of the colonization of the west with the worthy poor, if those who are placed on the little farms will exert themselves to succeed in making themselves comfortable, and become honored citizens in the communities where they settle.

For Governor Otero's Attention.

The county commissioners have hired Judge Bantz as a special attorney to help in the prosecution of several tax suits. It is generally supposed that it is the district attorney's business to attend to such suits, and if our district attorney cannot try these cases it might not be out of the way for Governor Otero to appoint a man as district attorney who can do so.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Ill Timed and Ill Advised.

The Citizen hereby notifies several correspondents that the Fountain murder trial will not be tried in this paper. The courts are trying the alleged murderers, and the efforts of the Democratic papers to make politics out of the case is ill-timed and injurious to the territory.—Albuquerque Citizen.

A Compulsory School Law Wanted.

The next legislature in this territory should pass a law of some character making it compulsory for children to attend public school part of the regular school term of each year. One can go into any town in our territory today and see children playing around the streets that should be in school. One of the worst things parents can do is to neglect giving them an education. When they grow into manhood and womanhood they will realize what they have missed. At this age of the world and under our free school system there is no reason for anyone not securing at least a common school education.—Springer Stockman.

The Dragon of the Sea.

They say the Spanish ships are out. To seize the Spanish main: Reach down the volunteers, boy, and read The story o'er again. How when the Spaniard laid the night, He drenched the earth, like rain, With human blood, and made it death To sail the Spanish main. With torch and steel, with stake and rack, He trampled out the Spaniard's track. Until Queen Beas her leashes slip't, And let her sea-dogs loose. God! how they sprang! And how they tore! The Grenville, Hawkins, Drake! Remember, boy, they were your aires! They made the Spaniard quake. They sprang like lions to their prey, Straight for the throat, amain! By twos, by scores, wherever they caught They fought the Spaniard's main. When Spain, in dark Ulla's bay, Broke doubly-plighted faith, Bold Hawkins fought his way through fire For great Elizabeth. A bitter malt Spain brewed that day! She drained it to the lees: Her faithless grins the morning broke The Dragon of the Sea. From sea to sea he ravaged far, A scourge with flaming breath— Where'er the Spaniard sailed his ships, Sailed Francis Drake and Death. No port was safe against his ire, Secure, no further shore. The fairest day off sank in fire Before the Dragon's roar. He made the Atlantic surge red Round every Spanish keel; Piled Spanish decks with Spanish dead. The nobles of the Spanish fleet, From Del Fuero's beheading stool To sleazy Hebrides, He hounded down the Spanish host, And swept the Spaniard's fleet. He fought till on Spain's inmost lakes Mid-orange bowers set. La Mancha's daughters feared to sail, Lest they the Dragon met. King Philip, of his raven reef, As forfeit claimed his head: The great Queen laughed his wrath to scorn, And knighted Drake instead. And gave him ships and sent him forth, To clear the Spanish main: For England and for England's brood, And sink the keels of Spain. And well he wrought his mighty work, Till on that fatal day, He met his only conqueror. In Nombre Diez Bay, There, in his shotted hammock swung, Amid the surges' sweep, He waited the look-out's signal Across the quiet deep. And dreams of dark Ulla's Bay And Spanish treachery; And how he trampled the Spaniard flat Across the unknown sea. But if Spain dare a single shot Upon the Spanish main, She'll catch the death of the Dragon dead Has waited to life again. THOMAS NELSON PAGE.

Clark's Appointment.

The appointment of Hon. John S. Clark, of Las Vegas, as coal oil inspector for New Mexico, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. E. Martin, is universally commended throughout the territory. By faithful, effective and intelligent services, John Clark has earned the highest recognition of the Republican party, and this selection will be a benefit to the party and a feature of strength to Governor Otero's administration. The Range heartily extends congratulations to the new inspector and to the administration that will secure his model business services.—Raton Range.

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TERRITORIAL SIFTINGS.

Albuquerque.

Nestor Montoya, the court interpreter, is making extensive improvements on his home property in old town.

Louis Hostetter has sold his residence property on the corner of Fifth street and Tjeras avenue to Mr. Hockett.

David Elmer Thomas, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas, died of spinal meningitis yesterday morning, and the funeral services will be held at the family home Friday afternoon.

Company D, Fifteenth regiment, passed through the city Wednesday night on its way from Fort Bayard to Fort Apache, where it will be stationed in the future. The Eleventh regiment and band has been transferred to Jefferson barracks from Fort Apache, passing through this city last night on their way east.

The wool scouring plant has been closed down until the war scare is over. J. M. Wilkinson, the lessee of the plant, received word from New York and Boston not to ship any more wool, for the reason that no insurance can be had during the present troublesome times, and the business has gone into temporary retirement.

In the District court yesterday the jury was instructed to bring in a verdict in favor of the defense, in the case of the First National bank vs. Lesser & Lewison, in attachment to recover money due on a promissory note. The case involved the transfer of property to relatives, fraud being charged. In the case of J. B. Bushnell vs. E. W. Coggeshall, a verdict of \$691 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

Las Vegas.

A. Christenson, manager of the central department of the Wells-Fargo Express company, has been looking after the interests of the company in this city.

Thirty-four carloads of cattle from Old Mexico have been fed at the stock yards during the past week. They were on the way to Kingsley, Kas., to be fed.

Itfeld's Plaza store is being equipped with two elevators, one for freight and one for passengers. J. S. Ridpath, of Chicago, is superintending the work of installation.

That business in this city is looking up is evidenced by the postoffice receipts. For the year ending March 31, the office in East Las Vegas took in \$7,550.34, an increase of \$1,047 over the preceding year, while the receipts of the west side office amounted to \$3,504.76.

Grant County.

Mr. Dean and Miss Fannie Baxter, of Silver City, will be married Sunday evening in the Methodist church of that place.

E. M. Walker, the Gold Hill cattle man, has sold his entire herd of yearlings at \$18.50 per head, the delivery to take place on April 25, at Senar. Clinton Dimmick, a well known mining man at Pinos Altos, was caught in the whin at his mine one day this week and sustained a broken leg from the accident.

Norman Pronger and Alexander Woodburn, while working in the mines at Copper Flat last week, were caught in a cave-in and received serious injuries. They will recover.

Henry Marshall, one of the men acquitted of the robbery of the train robbery at the last term of the United States court held at Silver City, has furnished bond and been released on the other charges pending against him.

Attorney W. A. Hawkins, who is temporarily located at El Paso while attending to the legal business of the El Paso & Northeastern railroad, will move his family to that city for a short residence, this week.

Colfax County.

Ellis abetstown is determined to have fire protection, and to that end a popular subscription has been started to raise the necessary funds.

A mail route between Elizabethtown and La Belle has been established, and the service will begin in a few days. The fact that the Hankins' stage and mail line between Springer and Elizabethtown never missed to bring mail in to the latter place on time, determined the citizens of La Belle to petition the Postoffice department to send their mail by the Springer route, and the request has been granted.

Dona Ana County.

A new road has been ordered surveyed between Las Cruces and Tularosa, by the county commissioners.

Eddy Brothers have received 44,000 pounds of cottonwood trees to be planted in a large public park near La Luz.

In the District court, E. Solis has been sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for burglary, and A. Dias to 18 months for way beating.

Unless something very unusual happens in the Mesilla valley in the near future, there will be plenty of fruit in and around Las Cruces and Mesilla, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

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